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Advisory Action	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/714,785	HULL ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Harold E. Dodds, Jr.	2177

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THE REPLY FILED 14 November 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____

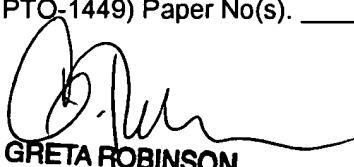
Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: 1-19, 24 and 32-38.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. Other: See Continuation Sheet

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11/25/03


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Independent claim 35 is rendered obvious by the combination of Kamise (Unexamined Japanese Patent JP 10246041A Machine Assisted Translation) and Pare, Jr. et al. (U.S. Patent No 5,764,789). Kamise teaches "one or more input devices" at page 15, sec. 0012, "one or more sensors configured to capture information about a visitor" at page 12, sec. 0009, "a data processing system" at page 4, design item 200, "wherein the data processing system is configured to receive information provided by the visitor using the one or more input devices" at page 15, sec. 0012, "and information about the visitor captured by the one or more sensors" at page 12, sec. 0009, "based upon the information provided by the visitor using the one or more input devices" at page 15, sec. 0012, "and the information about the visitor captured by the one or more sensors" at page 12, sec. 0009, "distinct from the information provided by the visitor using the one or more input devices" at page 15, sec 0012, "an the information about the visitor captured by the one or more sensors" at page 12, sec. 0009, and "to a person to be visited by the visitor" at page 22, sec. 0022 and Pare teaches "and a communication interface" at col. 21, lines 48-53, "wherein the data processing system is configured to determine additional information about the visitor" at col. 41, lines 31-33, "the additional information" at col. 41, lines 31-33, and "wherein the communication interface is configured to communicate the additional information" at col. 21, lines 48-53 and col. 41, lines 31-33. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time of the invention to combine Pare with Kamise to provide additional biometric information in order to support the identification of the visitor. Through the network and the Internet, the machines would be capable of accessing the biometric database. By connecting to the biometric database, the system gathers information needed to identify the visitors. Storing the information across a web interface allows the system to access information that is not stored on the local database. Multiple copies of the same information do not have to be stored on each terminal, thus less storage is required at each terminal..

Continuation of 10. Other: New phrases have been added to independent claims 1, 16, and 24. For independent claim 1, the phrase "the additional information distinct from the information about said visitor gathered from said at least one input device and said at least one sensor" has been added to the claim. For independent claims 16 and 24, the phrase "the additional information distinct from the information about said visitor gathered in the interactive session" has been added to the claims. .